

# Senate Study Bill 1065 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC DEFENSE BILL)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to military and veterans benefits.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.14, subsection 4, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. Moneys appropriated to or received by the department for  
4 providing injured veterans grants under ~~this section~~ may be  
5 expended for grants of up to ten thousand dollars to a veteran  
6 who is seriously injured or very seriously injured, as defined  
7 in the most recently published United States department of  
8 defense joint publication 1-02, to provide financial assistance  
9 to the veteran so that family members of the veteran may be  
10 with the veteran during the veteran's recovery from an injury  
11 received in the line of duty ~~in a combat zone or in a zone where~~  
12 ~~the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ after September  
13 11, 2001.

14 Sec. 2. Section 35A.14, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code  
15 2019, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. Proof of continued medical care or rehabilitation  
17 services may include any reasonably reliable documentation  
18 showing that the veteran is receiving continued medical or  
19 rehabilitative care as a result of qualifying injuries. Proof  
20 that the injury occurred in the line of duty shall be made  
21 based upon the circumstances of the injury known at the time of  
22 evacuation from the ~~combat zone or zone in which the veteran~~  
23 ~~was receiving hazardous duty pay~~ place where the veteran was  
24 injured.

25 Sec. 3. Section 272C.4, Code 2019, is amended by adding the  
26 following new subsection:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. a. Establish procedures by January  
28 1, 2020, to expedite the licensing of an individual who is  
29 licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state  
30 and who is the spouse of an active duty member of the military  
31 forces of the United States.

32 b. If the board determines that the professional or  
33 occupational licensing requirements of the state where  
34 the spouse is licensed are substantially equivalent to the  
35 licensing requirements of this state, the procedures shall

1 require the expedited licensing of the spouse in this state.  
2     c. If the board determines that the professional or  
3 occupational licensing requirements of the state where the  
4 spouse is licensed are not substantially equivalent to the  
5 professional or occupational licensing requirements of this  
6 state, the procedures shall allow the provisional licensing  
7 of the spouse for a period of time deemed necessary by the  
8 board to obtain a substantial equivalent to the licensing  
9 requirements of this state. The board shall advise the  
10 spouse of required education or training necessary to obtain  
11 a substantial equivalent to the professional or occupational  
12 licensing requirements of this state, and the procedures shall  
13 provide for licensing of an individual who has, pursuant to  
14 this paragraph, obtained a substantial equivalent to the  
15 licensing requirements of this state.

16	EXPLANATION
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17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 Currently, under Code section 35A.14, the injured veterans  
20 grant program provides grants to veterans recovering from an  
21 injury received in the line of duty in a combat zone or in a  
22 zone where the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay after  
23 September 11, 2001. This bill eliminates the requirement that  
24 the veteran be injured in a combat zone or zone where the  
25 veteran is receiving hazardous duty pay in order to qualify for  
26 the program.

27       The bill also establishes an expedited licensing process  
28 for spouses of active duty members of the United States  
29 military who are stationed in Iowa pursuant to military orders.  
30 Code section 272C.4 is amended to provide that licensing  
31 boards establish procedures by January 1, 2020 to expedite  
32 the licensing of an individual who is licensed in a similar  
33 profession or occupation in another state and who is the spouse  
34 of an active duty member of the military forces of the United  
35 States. Provisional licensing procedures are also required to

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1 be established.